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NEW DESIGN OF HIGH SPEED COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have introduced new design high −speed ALSTM-LHB coaches in a number of Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains to provide world class facilities to passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to introduce new design high speed coaches in other express/mail trains;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A new design of high speed stainless steel coaches was acquired by Indian Railways under a transfer of technology agreement with M/s Linke Hoffman Bush and about 400 such coaches have already been manufactured indigenously at Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala up till now.

Besides the higher speed potential, these coaches are lighter and also have a higher carrying capacity of about10-12% as compared to the corresponding Integral Coach Factory (ICF) design coaches.The other superior features of this design are better riding comfort, enhanced safety and aesthetic interiors etc.

(c)to(e) Coaches to this new design are being introduced in a phased manner.